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SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER

1. THORBJORN FALLDIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTER PARTY,
WAS NOMINATED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE RIKSDAG ON
OCTOBER 5 TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT. FALLDIN IS EXPECTED
TO ANNOUNCE HIS CABINET ON OCTOBER 8 AND WILL ASSUME
OFFICE AS PRIME MINISTER THE SAME DAY.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR WHITE
HOUSE TO EXTEND CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW PRIME MINISTER
AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER HIS INSTALLATION IN OFFICE.

3. SUGGESTED TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO
PRIME MINISTER FALLDIN: BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRIME
MINISTER: ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MAY I EXTEND HEARTIEST
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR
APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN. WE LOOK
FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE COOPERATION WHICH HAS
EXISTED BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS AND TO
STRENGTHENING THE HISTORIC BONDS BETWEEN THE
SWEDISH AND AMERICAN PEOPLES. YOU HAVE OUR BEST
WISHES FOR SUCCESS AS YOU UNDERTAKE YOUR
IMPORTANT TASKS. END TEXT.
SMITH

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